

Music in Storytime Attendee Contributions

The following is a compilation of shared attendee comments during the Texas State Library & Archives Commission's January 31, 2017 *The Magic of Music in Storytime* webinar presented by Kim Lehman.

Favorite Storytime Songs

- Raffi – There's a Spider on the Floor
- Skidamarink, Big & Small, Shaky Egg, Head & Shoulders, Baby 1-2-3
- Hokey Pokey
- Shake My Sillies Out
- Baby Shark
- Slippery Fish
- Lots of songs by Hap Palmer
- Bubble Bubble Pop
- Tooty Ta by Dr. Jean
- itsy bitsy spider
- Wheels on the Bus
- If You're Happy and You Know It
- The More We Get Together
- Song: If You Want to Hear a Story
- The Goldfish Song - Laurie Berkner
- On top of spaghetti!
- I'm Being Swallowed by a Boa Constrictor
- like using some of the new popular songs Like Happy and the new song from Trolls. The kids will sing Frozen word by word.
- my preschoolers really like "Jenny works with one hammer"
- I'll adapt "Wheels on the Bus" to a variety of storytimes, like "The lions in the zoo..." or "The dolphins in the sea..."
- Driving In My Car by Ralph Covert
- These are my glasses by Laurie Berkner
- 5 Little Speckled Frogs
- five little monkeys swinging in the tree
- anything Laurie Berkner!
- Rock a Bye Your Bear - wiggles
- I love Raffi - I know he's used everywhere, but they work great
- Popcorn Kernels
- Shaky Egg
- This Old Man
- Dino Ditty
- We love using Laurie Berkner's "Wimoweh" - especially with shakers. When the lions are sleeping, we yawn and lie on the floor, and when she starts singing Wimoweh we JUMP UP! and start shaking the shakers and having fun

- When I do Jim Gill's "Washing Machine" song, I blow bubbles and the kids love it.

Opening Songs

- A great sit down song: Ten Little Fish. It's also great for learning to count from 10 to 1 with your hands.
- Hello, Hello by Ella Jenkins

Goodbye Songs

- Goodbye friends

Calm down Songs

- I do one like this, but I sing, "Sleeping, sleeping, the children are sleeping, Sleeping, sleeping... and when they wake up... they.. are... bunnies!" And the kids pop up and are bunnies. Then as soon as I start singing "Sleeping.." they pop back down until I name the next animal. Super cute.

Piggyback Songs to Wheels on the Bus

- The whiskers on the dog
- The kangaroos in the zoo
- The shoes on the ground
- The owl in the tree goes hoot hoot hoot
- The birds in the trees go tweet tweet tweet
- The arms on the robot
- The bees on the flower
- The lions at the zoo
- The fish in the sea
- I've done "Brown bear, Brown bear what do you see" to "Baa baa black sheep"

General Tips

- I post words on a bulletin board. Parents can snap a photo if they want!
- Plastic dessert size plates (like SOLO brand) make cheap percussion noise makers.
- <http://www.nancymusic.com/PRINThomemade.htm> link to make instruments
- Constructive Playthings carries rhythm instruments.
- Another great book with rhythm is Hiccupotamus by Steve Smallman
- Clap after the songs! Thank them for singing so nicely and praise them all for singing along